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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 6202

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 6202 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 16-107.7 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/16-107.7 new)

7 Sec. 16-107.7. Net Metering Task Force.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares all of the
9 following:

10 (1) In Public Act 95-420, the General Assembly found
11 and declared that a program to provide net electricity
12 metering can (i) encourage private investment in renewable
13 energy resources, (ii) stimulate economic growth, (iii)
14 enhance the continued diversification in Illinois' energy
15 resource mix, and (iv) protect the Illinois environment.

16 (2) The General Assembly restates and affirms these

1 principles, but finds that net metering in Illinois has
2 been slow to develop and is primarily utilized by customers
3 operating eligible systems with a nameplate rating of 40
4 kilowatts and below.

5 (3) The Illinois net metering program provides retail
6 rate net metering for systems with a nameplate rating of 40
7 kilowatts and below. Thirty-six other states have net
8 metering programs in which systems with nameplate ratings
9 larger than 40 kilowatts are eligible. Eighteen of these
10 states have net metering programs in which systems of 1,000
11 kilowatts or higher are eligible.

12 (4) States that have expanded net metering to cover
13 systems above 40 kilowatts have experienced more
14 significant capital investment and a higher rate of growth
15 in renewable energy jobs than Illinois.

16 (5) The General Assembly finds that it is in the
17 public's best interest to establish a task force to
18 evaluate net metering programs experiences in other
19 states, examine the barriers to net metering development in
20 Illinois, and recommend changes to the statutes concerning
21 Illinois net metering.

22 (b) The General Assembly establishes the Net Metering Task
23 Force comprised of 10 members to be appointed no later than
24 July 1, 2010 in the following manner:

25 (1) one member appointed by the President of the
26 Senate;

1 (2) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
2 Senate;

3 (3) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives;

5 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
6 House of Representatives;

7 (5) one member appointed by the Attorney General; and

8 (6) 5 members appointed by the Governor including one
9 representative from the Office of the Governor, one
10 representative from the Illinois Commerce Commission, one
11 representative from the Citizens Utility Board, one
12 representative from the environmental community, and one
13 representative from the electric utilities.

14 The Governor shall name a chairperson from among the Task
15 Force appointees.

16 (c) No later than January 1, 2011, the Task Force shall
17 submit a report to the General Assembly recommending
18 legislative and programmatic changes to the existing net
19 metering law that shall be necessary to overcome existing
20 barriers to net metering development in this State.

21 (d) The Task Force report shall include, at a minimum,
22 discussion of the following topics:

23 (1) net metering policies and experiences from other
24 states;

25 (2) the effects associated with expanded net metering
26 development in Illinois, including its impact on renewable

1 and diversified energy development, economic development,
2 job growth, peak electricity consumption, grid operation
3 and maintenance, and the environment;

4 (3) any existing barriers to net metering development
5 in Illinois;

6 (4) legislation, policies, and other best practices
7 that could overcome any existing barriers to net metering
8 development in Illinois;

9 (5) the overall costs and rate impacts, if any,
10 associated with implementing these policies, including
11 taking into account the associated benefits of net metering
12 development in Illinois; and

13 (6) specific recommendations for amending Illinois'
14 net metering program to:

15 (A) allow participation of commercial and
16 industrial customers operating larger renewable energy
17 systems;

18 (B) allow participation by renters and occupants
19 of multi-tenant residential and commercial buildings;

20 (C) allow aggregation of meters by farmers, school
21 districts, units of local government, and other
22 customers that have more than one electric meter; and

23 (D) allow participation under shared-investment
24 and community ownership models.

25 (e) The Illinois Commerce Commission shall provide
26 administrative support for the Task Force.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".